Reservation of Train Seats for V.I.Ps and M.Ps

2210. SHRI R. MARGABANDU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state whether instruction will be given to the Railways to keep atleast ten seats in reserve in all trains for the travelling V.I.Ps and M.Ps till the departure of the trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): A limited number of berths/seats have been earmarked in all important trains as emergency quota to meet the urgent travel requirement of High Official Requisition holders, Minister, MPs and VIPs and other emergent demands from various quarters. This quota is normally released six hours before the scheduled departure of the train. However, in the case of trains which are scheduled to leave in the next morning or upto 16.00 hours, the quota may be released on the previous day.

Conversion of D/c Lines to A/c Lines between Mumbai-Pune and Mumbai-Igatpuri

2211. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to convert D/c lines to A/c lines on Central Railway between Mumbai and Pune and Mumbai and Igatpuri; and

(b) if so, when the work is going to start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Preliminary works involving planning have been taken up.

Introduction of Superfast Train between Ranchi and Delhi

2212. SHRI GYAN RANJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had made any declaration in public meeting that a Superfast Train will be introduced from Ranchi to Delhi;

(b) if so, by when this superfast train would be started; and

(c) if not, the the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) to (c) It has been decided to introduce a bi-weekly Express between Ranchi and Delhi in 1997-98.

रेल मंडलों की स्थिति एवं संख्या

2213. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव**: क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) रेल मंडल कार्यालयों की संख्या कितनी है और ये किन-किन स्थानों पर स्थित है;

(ख) इन रेल मंडलों को वर्ष 1992-93 से वर्ष 1995-96 तक प्रति वर्ष मंडल-वार कितना घाटा एवं लाभ हुआ; और

(ग) इन मंडलों में से प्रत्येक को विकास एवं अतिरिक्त सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराने के लिए दी गई अतिरिक्त राशि का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) एक विवरण संलग्न है।**(नीचे देखिए)**।

(ख) मंडलवार लाभ और हानि के आंकड़े नहीं रखे जाते हैं।

(ग) मंडल आधार पर कोई आवंटन नहीं किया जाता है।

विवरण

भारतीय रेलो पर मंडलों की सूची

इस समय भारतीय रेलों पर 59 मंडल हैं जो नीचे मुख्यालय के साथ दर्शाए गए हैं:—

मंडल	मुख्यालय	मंडल	मुख्यालय
भोपाल		बैंगलूर	
भुसावल		मद्रास	
मुम्बई (म०रे०)		मदुरै	
जबलपुर		मैसूर	
झांसी		पालघाट	
सोलापुर		तिरूच्चिरापल्ली	
नागपुर		तिरूवनन्तपुरम	
आसनसोल		गुंतकल	
दानापुर		हुबली	
धनबाद		हैदराबाद	
हावड़ा		सिन्दराबाद	
सियालदह		विजयवाड़ा	
मुगलसराय		इलाहाबाद	
मालदा		अम्बाला	
आद्रा		बीकानेर	
बिलासपुर		दिल्ली	
चक्रधरपुर		फिरोजपुर	
खड़गपुर		जोधपुर	
खोरदा		लखनऊ	
वाल्तेरू		मुरादाबाद	
साम्बलपुर		इज्जतनगर	
नागपुर (द०पू०)		लखनऊ (पूर्व)	
अजमेर		समस्तीपुर	
भावनगर		सोनपुर	
मुम्बई (प०रे०)		वाराणसी	
जयपुर		वडोदरा	
कोटा		अलीपुरद्वार	
राजकोट		कटिहार	
रतलाम		तिनसुकिया	
लमडिंग			

*नांदेड की स्थापना की जा रही है।

Proposal for conversion of level crossings in Andhra Pradesh

2214. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of manned and unmanned railway crossings in Andhra Pradesh, at present;

(b) whether there is any proposal of converting unmanned crossings into manned level crossings to avert accidents; and

(c) if so, the stage at which proposals are pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Manned— 1183 nos.

Unmanned — 1554 nos.

(b) and (c) The sensitive unmanned level crossings will be, on a planned basis, after due prioritisation, converted into manned level crossings with the help of the State Govts. who have to invest the initial capital cost.

Wagons procurement through Wagon India Limited

2215. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 75% requirement of wagons would be procured by Railways from Industry through Wagon India Limited (WIL) in 1997-98;

(b) if so, the total wagons required in 1997-98 and ordered through Wagon India Limited in terms of FWUs; and

(c) the numbers of wagons ordered in 1996-97 through WIL and performances *vis-a-vis* delivery schedule?